Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/267,311, filed October 9, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/613,303, filed July 10, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,495,347, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/143,757, filed July 8, 1999. The content of these applications are [this application is] incorporated herein by reference in their [its] entirety.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

A plasmid encoding HspOva was constructed as follows. The full length chicken ovalbumin-coding sequence was excised from pET/OVA with Nhe I and EcoR I digestion and purified from an agarose gel. The sequence (SEQ ID NO:54) coding for expression of OVA (SEQ ID NO:55) is shown in Fig. 6. The purified product was ligated to pET65H previously digested with the same enzymes. The ligation reaction was used to transform *E. coli* DH5alpha and putative clones containing the chicken ovalbumin gene insert were selected based on diagnostic restriction digestion. This initial restriction analysis was confirmed by DNA sequence analysis of the entire fusion gene, promoter and termination regions. DNA of the confirmed construct, named pET65H/OVA, was used to transform *E. coli* BL21(DE3). The nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:20) coding for expression of HspOVA (SEQ ID NO:21) is shown in Figs. 7A-7C.